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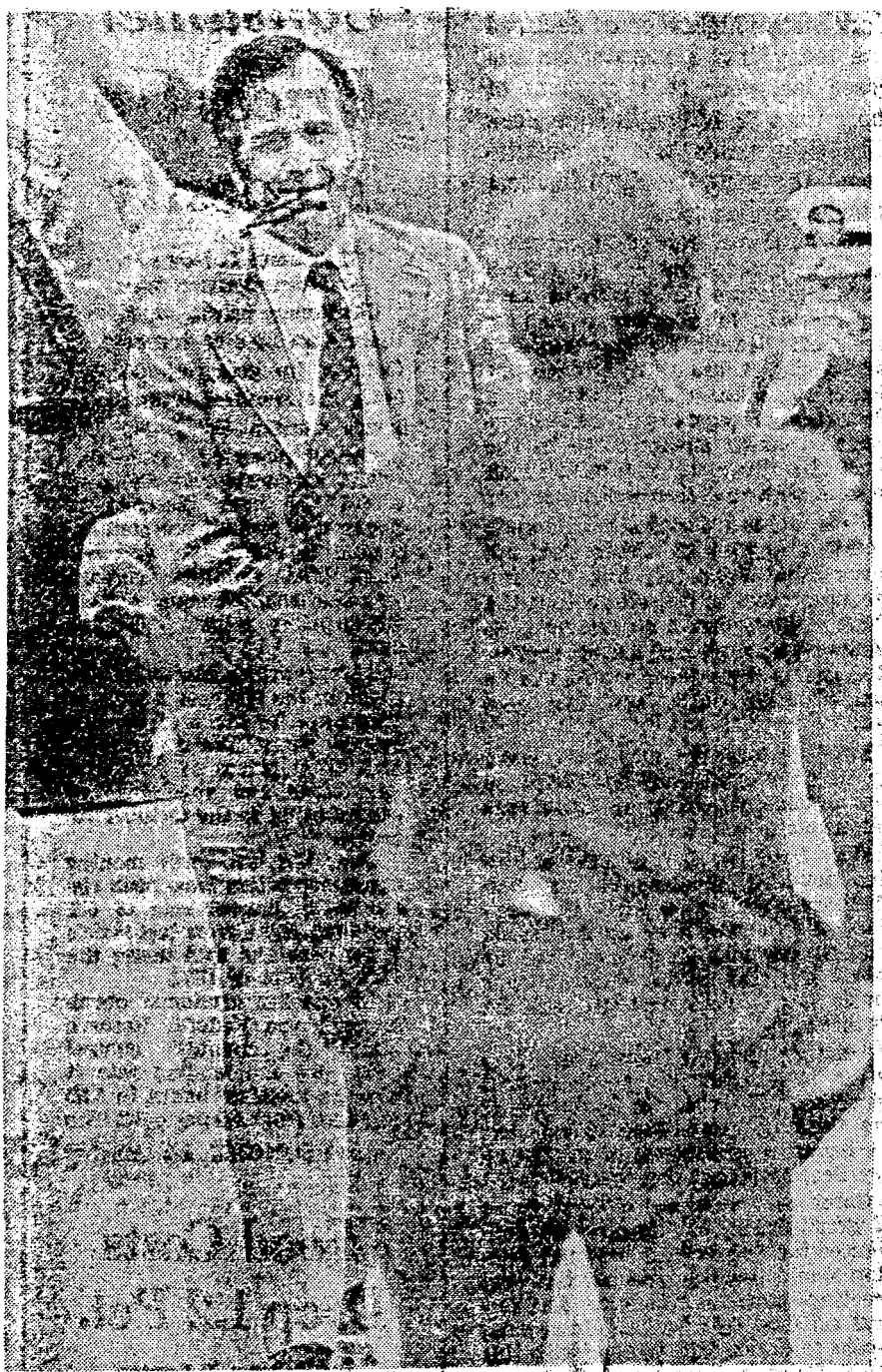
After arriving by helicopter at the rain-soaked grass strip at the Plains airport, Bush told reporters he would be briefing Carter and Mondale on highly sensitive matters, including intelligence-gathering procedures. Bush came here twice to brief Carter before the election but restricted the subject matter to national security problems that might become involved in the campaign.

Asked if he expected to discuss his future as CIA director with Carter, the former Republican national chairman said, "I don't expect that to come up."

The meeting lasted nearly six hours, about twice as long as Carter aides had anticipated. Carter was unavailable for comment afterward and Bush declined to comment on the substance of what was discussed.

Asked if they had discussed more openness about CIA operations, Bush said he had discussed the need for "keeping more secret," and he said Carter did not disagree.

Carter has spoken highly of Bush, particularly of his earlier intelligence briefing, but has given no indication whether he will retain him. Aides said today that Carter has not yet decided whether to retain Bush.



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Bush shifts glasses from hand to mouth to shake hands with aide in Plains.